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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF KANSAS

For the Year 1872.

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ROSTER OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND STAFF.

NAMES.	RANK.	OFFICE.
JAMES M. HARVEY	Governor	Commander-in-Chief
DAVID WHITTAKER	Colonel	Adjutant General
J. G. HASKELL	Colonel	Quartermaster General
H. T. BEMAN	Major	Assistant Adjutant General
WILLIAM BURGOYNE	Lieutenant Colonel	Aid-de-Camp
WILLIAM C. JONES	Lieutenant Colonel	Aid-de-Camp
F. H. DRENNING	Lieutenant Colonel	Aid-de-Camp

REPORT.

STATE OF KANSAS, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TOPEKA, December 11, 1872.

To His Excellency, JAMES M. HARVEY,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief:

SIR: I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the Annual Report of the Adjutant General's Department for the year 1872.

ENROLLED MILITIA.

Having received but few returns from county clerks of the number of enrolled militia for the present year, I estimate the number, from returns received the previous year, at about 44,000. Some encouragement in the way of compensation to county clerks should be given in order that these returns may be made and promptly forwarded to this office. Whilst it is true that the law makes it the duty of the clerks to forward a copy of the enrollment list of all persons liable to be enrolled in their respective counties, it is not very clear to me that exact justice is meted out to those officers when the same law declares that this work shall be done by them without additional compensation. An old proverb says: "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and I believe it to be applicable in this case.

RELIEF TO SETTLERS.

In consequence of the long and severe winter, many of the settlers on our western frontier were reduced to want for

the necessaries of life, and an appropriation of three thousand dollars for their relief was made by the Legislature. The resolution appropriating this sum also authorized the Governor to disburse the same at his discretion for such necessaries of life as in his opinion would give the greatest relief. At the request of your Excellency to act as your agent in the distribution of the supplies to needy persons, I signified my willingness to do so, and immediately addressed letters to E. S. Bowen, Esq., General Superintendent of the Kansas Pacific Railway Company; W. F. Downs, Esq., General Superintendent Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad; J. F. Barnard, Esq., Superintendent St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, and T. J. Peter, Esq., General Manager Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company, with the request that supplies might be transported free over their several roads on account of the State, for our suffering people in the west.

In answer to these communications, I received favorable replies from all the officers named, and they expressed a cheerful willingness to furnish free transportation, and also to co-operate with me in any way to advance the good work. And in this connection I would hereby tender to those officers my thanks for their mutual efforts in co-operating with the State so successfully in furthering this charitable work.

Over two hundred families, embracing nine hundred persons, were relieved. An extract from a letter written to me by the Hon. W. L. Bear, of Osborne county—and to whom I hereby tender my thanks for valuable assistance rendered in distributing supplies—will show the general tenor of many such letters received at this office. He writes under date of May 7, and says: "Whilst there is no doubt but that some made application for aid who should have given deference to others more needy, yet the supply sent was opportune, and was of very great benefit to many deserving recipients. It can hardly be realized to what extremities persons on the frontier are at times brought by adverse circumstances over which they have no control, and

only those who see them from time to time can fully appreciate the situation. Let me assure you that the supplies sent by your direction, we endeavored faithfully and conscientiously to distribute to the most needy, and in equitable proportions. If we have been imposed upon in any instances, the wrong lies with such. Yourself, with those who kindly gave me their aid, can have the consciousness of having done the best we could, with the State's bounty to her needy settlers. Thanking you in behalf of many grateful hearts for your disinterested assistance, I remain," etc.

For a detailed statement showing the amount of funds disbursed, I would respectfully refer your Excellency to the accompanying summary statement, made from invoices of goods purchased, with the vouchers, receipt rolls, and all the papers and correspondence relative to the subject, now on file in the office of the Secretary of State.

INDIAN COMMISSION.

A commission was created by an act of the last Legislature, to audit the claims for losses sustained by settlers on the western frontier of our State, for property stolen and destroyed by Indians. In compliance with section seven of the act, I issued the following circular and sent copies to such persons as I thought would give it publicity:

CIRCULAR NO. 5.

STATE OF KANSAS, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TOPEKA, March 7, 1872.

It is hereby announced for the information and guidance of all concerned, that, by virtue of an act entitled "an act to provide for the settlement of the losses sustained between the years 1861 and 1871 by the settlers on the western frontier, from Indian depredations," approved February 28th, 1872, the following named commissioners have been appointed by the Governor of the State of Kansas, viz.:

David Kelso, Oswego, Labette county;
F. P. Baker, Topeka, Shawnee county;
Henry Brandley, Bazar, Chase county.

They will meet at Oswego, Kansas, on the first Monday in March, 1872, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and organize by electing one of their number Chairman, and one Clerk. They will then proceed "to examine in all particulars into the claims of the citizens of this State, residing on the frontier adjacent to the country roamed over by the Indians, which claims are for the loss of stock and other propert ystolen, destroyed and gone to waste by reason of the depredations of Indians of any tribe that frequently have passed through that region of country, and also any claims that may be presented for damages for loss of property only, that may have arisen from any settler having been compelled to abandon his claim, or farm or home, by reason of said Indian hostilities or raids."

The Commissioners will remain in session at Oswego until they have audited and allowed all the claims in that part of the State which come within the provision of said act, and then adjourn to Topeka, where they will audit and allow like claims for the remaining portion of the State.

Claimants will, if known, give the name or tribe of Indians that committed the depredations. The forms of proof will be the affidavit of the claimant, supported by at least two disinterested witnesses, and such other evidence as the commission may require.

The Commissioners will make a report to the Governor on or before the 20th day of April, 1872.

The Commissioners met and organized on the day appointed.

The following table taken from their report now on file in the Auditor's office, will show the amount allowed by them:

No.	NAMES OF TRIBES OF INDIANS WHO COMMITTED DEPREDATIONS.	AMOUNT CLAIMED.	AMOUNT ALLOWED.
1	Cherokee	$ 38,528 40	$ 3,165 00
2	Osage	22,894 96	18,290 96
3	Cheyenne	35,407 00	34,785 00
4	Cheyenne and Arapahoes	24,363 70	18,963 70
5	Wichita	775 00	775 00
6	Arapahoe	17,715 00	9,165 00
7	Kiawa	4,897 00	4,880 00
8	Sac and Fox	675 00	675 00
9	Sioux	2,813 00	2,813 00
10	Caddoe	665 00	665 00
12	Cheyenne and Sioux	4,152 00	4,152 00
12	Kiawa and Comanche	4,359 00	200 00
13	Cheyenne and Pawnee	5,573 00	5,573 00
14	Cheyenne, Arapahoe and Kiawa	560 00	560 00
15	Pawnee	475 00	475 00
16	Cheyenne and Kiawa	4,930 00	1,430 00
17	Creek	4,425 00	.....
18	Kiawa and Arapahoe	6,730 00	6,730 00
19	Cherokee and Osage	2,469 00	.....
20	Sioux, Cheyenne and Pawnee	3,000 00	.....
21	Cheyenne and Comanche	6,510 00	6,510 00
	Total	$191,917 06	$119,807 66

STATE ARMS.

In the appendix to this report will be found a statement furnished by the Ordnance Office, at Washington, showing the number of arms, accoutrements, etc., issued to Kansas, under the law for arming the militia, from February 18, 1856, to February 5, 1870,—the last issue of ordnance made by the General Government to our State—with the apportionment due the State by the United States each year up to June 30, 1873.

It will be observed from those figures, that the State is largely indebted to the General Government over and above the amount of apportionment, and it will be a number of years before we can expect to be supplied with arms from that source. In view of this fact, I believe it would be wise economy on the part of the Legislature to make a liberal appropriation for the collection, repairing and cleaning of the arms now scattered through the State. The following table will show the amount of ordnance and ordnance stores, owned by the State, now in the armory at Topeka:

No.	ARTICLES.	CONDITION.
348	U. S. rifle muskets, cal. .58	Serviceable.
122	Enfield rifle muskets, cal. .57	"
211	U. S. smooth-bore muskets, cal. .69	"
94	Foreign smooth-bore muskets, all calibres	Rusty.
1,391	Cartridge boxes	Serviceable.
1,530	Bayonets	"
1,825	Bayonet scabbards	"
113	Revolver scabbards	"
1,009	Cap pouches	"
207	Sabre belts	"
125	Sabres	"
50	Waist belts	"
250	Gun slings	"
29	Lariats	"
200	Haversacks	"
29,000	Cartridges, all calibres	Good.
74	Arm chests	

CONCLUSION.

And now in conclusion, as our official relations are about to be severed, which for the last three years have been so pleasant, I would most respectfully thank your Excellency for the kindly word spoken, the prudent counsel given, and the uniform kindness received at your hands. And I hope

that the personal friendship that has existed between us, which begun during the late rebellion and was cemented by the common hardships and dangers shared alike in the bivouac and the battle, may continue to the end.

With great respect, I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

DAVID WHITTAKER,

Adjutant General.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT showing the general accounts of debits and credits for arms, etc., issued to Kansas by the General Government under the law for arming the Militia.

DEBITS.

DATE.	ARTICLE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
1856—February 18...	990 muskets, altered to percusssion...	.....	.....
	110 rifles, altered to percussion.....	.....	.....
	110 sets rifles accoutrements.....	.....	.....
	110,000 percussion caps.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	$14,776 00
1856—February 18..	990 muskets, altered to percussion....	.....	.....
	110 rifles, altered to percussion.....	.....	.....
	110 sets rifle accoutrements.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	$14,776 00
1857—March 19.....	20 Colt's navy pistols.....	.....	.....
	20 revolver holsters.....	.....	.....
	98 muskets altered to percussion.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	$1,787 00
1859—January 3....	600 rifle muskets, cal. .58.....	.....	.....
	700 sets infantry accoutrements.....	.....	.....
	25,000 musket cartridges.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	$11,425 00
1864—February 26...	2,000 Prussian muskets, cal. .69.....	$26,000 00	.....
	1,000 Prussian muskets, cal. .72.....	8,000 00	.....
	500 wipers.....	100 00	.....
	500 ball screws	65 00	.....
	3,000 bayonet scabbards.....	1,350 00	.....
	3,000 cartridge boxes and plates.....	3,540 00	.....
	3,000 cartridge box belts and plates.....	1,980 00	.....
	3,000 gun slings....	930 00	.....
	3,000 waist belts and plates.....	1,080 00	.....
	40,000 musket E. B. cartridges, cal. .69...	552 00	.....
	40,000 musket B. & B. cartridges, cal. .72	634 00	.....
	Total.....	.....	$44,231 00
1867—July 9.....	10,000 musket E. B. cartridges.....	———	$150 00
1868—June 18.....	15,000 Maynard cab. cartridges.....	———	$ 300 00
1868—August 31....	5,000 Spencer carbine cartridges.....	.....	.....
	5,000 Starr's carbine cartridges.....	.....	.....
	5,000 musket E. B. cartridges.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	$473 00
1868—September 30..	500 Spencer carbines and appendages.	.....	.....
	500 sets accoutrements for same.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	$15,198 50
1868—October 8.....	10,000 Spencer carbine cartridges.....	———	$350 00
1868—October 27....	40,000 Spencer carbine cartridges.....	———	$1,400 00
1869—March 8.....	2,000 Spencer carbine cartridges.....	.....	.....
	1,000 Colt's army pistol cartridges.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	$ 88 50

STATEMENT showing the general account of debits and credits for arms, etc., issued to Kansas by the General Government under the law for arming the Militia.

DEBITS—Continued.

DATE.	ARTICLE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
1869—June 14.....	50 Springfield rifle muskets.....	.....	.....
	5,000 musket E. B. cartridges.....	.....	.....
	12,000 Spencer carbine cartridges.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	$ 1,092 00
1869—June 14.....	10,000 E. B. cartridges, cal. .58.....	.....	.....
	10,000 E. B. cartridges, cal. .69.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	.....	$ 300 00
1869—July 6.....	12,000 Spencer carbine cartridges.....	.....	$ 420 00
1870—February 5....	12,000 Spencer carbine cartridges.....	$ 216 00	.....
	8,000 Maynard's carbine cartridges.....	66 75	.....
	Total.....	.....	$ 282 75
	Aggregate.....	.....	$107,049 75

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CREDITS.

DATE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Credited under act of April 30, 1855	$26,000 00	.....
Apportionment for the year 1855	1,781 00	.....
Apportionment for the year 1856	1,781 00	.....
Apportionment for the year 1857	1,781 00	.....
Apportionment for the year 1858	1,781 00	.....
Apportionment for the year 1859	1,781 00	.....
Apportionment for the year 1860	1,781 00	.....
Apportionment for the year 1861	1,781 00	.....
Apportionment for the year 1862	1,690 00	.....
Apportionment for the year 1863	1,716 82	.....
Apportionment for the year 1864	1,671 51	.....
Apportionment for the year 1865	1,656 93	.....
Apportionment for the year 1866	1,656 93	.....
Apportionment for the year 1867	1,656 93	.....
Apportionment for the year 1868	1,656 93	.....
Apportionment for the year 1869	1,642 61	.....
Apportionment for the year 1870	1,642 61	.....
Apportionment for the year 1871	1,642 61	.....
Apportionment for half year ending June, 1872	821 30	.....
Apportionment for year ending June, 1873	1,642 61	.....
Totol	.....	$57,564 79

Value of arms issued to Kansas	$107,049 75
Amount of apportionment	57,564 79
Balance due United States	$ 49,484 96